

In The Claims:

(1) A golf club comprising a golf ball contacting portion, wherein said golf ball contacting portion includes at least one opening disposed therein.

5 (2) A golf club comprising a golf ball contacting portion, wherein said golf ball contacting portion includes at least one slotted aperture.

(3) A golf club comprising a golf ball contacting portion, wherein said golf ball contacting  
10 portion includes at least one slot.

(4) A golf club comprising a golf ball contacting portion, wherein said golf ball contacting portion includes a plurality of substantially identical and equally spaced slots.

15 (5) A golf club comprising a shaft; and a golf ball contacting portion which is coupled to said shaft, wherein said golf ball contacting portion includes a plurality of substantially identical and equally spaced slots and wherein each of said substantially identical  
20 and equally spaced slots have a respective longitudinal axis of symmetry and wherein each of said longitudinal axes of symmetry are longitudinal coextensive to each other.

(6) A method for reducing the drag experienced by a golf club of the type having a ball contacting surface, said method includes the step of forming at least one slot within said ball contacting surface.

5 (7) A method for reducing the drag experienced by a golf club of the type having a ball contacting surface, said method comprising the step of forming a plurality of substantially identical and equally spaced slots within said ball contacting surface.

10 (8) A golf club made by the process of forming a shaft portion; forming a ball contacting portion; forming at least one slot within said ball contacting portion; attaching said ball contacting portion to said shaft portion,

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